

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

**The Beadle Conservation District
Huron, South Dakota**

And

**The United States Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service**

And

**The South Dakota Department
of Game, Fish and Parks**

I. PURPOSE:

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Beadle Conservation District of South Dakota (District) and the United States Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) is made to work together on private land to implement beneficial grazing management practices on 5,000 acres throughout 16 counties in central South Dakota. Specific conservation practices to be implemented include pipelines, tanks, rural water hook-ups, wells and dugouts. The overall goal of this project is to promote rangeland stewardship, provide habitat for wildlife, reduce soil erosion, and improve water quality. This agreement will allow the District, the GFP, and the FWS to work together to carry out this conservation work.

II. SCOPE OF WORK:

For a period hereinafter set forth, the District, the FWS, and the GFP shall provide the personnel, materials, services, facilities and funds; and perform all things necessary for and incident to the performance of this MOU.

III. THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE WILL:

- A. Work cooperatively with the District and the GFP to implement beneficial grazing management practices and document all such projects on Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) Wildlife Extension Agreements jointly signed by the FWS, the District, and participating landowners.
- B. Work with the District and the GFP to match all non-federal funds in this MOU with a North American Wetlands Conservation Act grant to support additional funding for conservation work throughout the MOU project area.
- C. Provide technical assistance to assist in the completion of beneficial grazing management practices and associated grazing management plans.
- D. Provide \$25,000 for beneficial grazing management practices completed pursuant to this MOU.

IV. THE SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH, AND PARKS WILL:

- A. Work cooperatively with the District and the FWS to implement beneficial grazing management practices and document such projects on PFW Wildlife Extension Agreements jointly signed by the FWS, the District and participating landowners.
- B. Provide \$25,000 for beneficial grazing management practices completed pursuant to this MOU and work jointly with the FWS and the District on project implementation.

V. THE BEADLE CONSERVATION DISTRICT WILL:

- A. Serve as the lead Conservation District for this project and work with other participating Districts to assure coordination throughout the project area. Provide administrative support and work cooperatively with the FWS, the GFP, and other partners to carry out the conservation work noted in this MOU, and in partnership with the FWS and the GFP document all such activities on Wildlife Extension Agreements jointly signed by the FWS, the District, and participating landowners.
- B. Secure the following funding for this project:
 - (1) 52,000 via Coordinated Soil and Water Conservation Grant #2011-CSW-007 from the South Dakota Department of Agriculture awarded to the District on December 28, 2010.
 - (2) \$100,000 from participating landowners in the form of a cash cost-share and in-kind services for conservation practices completed pursuant to this MOU. All landowner contributions will be documented on Wildlife Extension Agreements.
- C. Coordinate billing among the funding agencies, individuals, and organizations that will cooperate to carry out this project.
- D. Work with the FWS and the GFP to match all non-federal funds in this MOU with a North American Wetlands Conservation Act grant to support additional funding for conservation work throughout the MOU project area.

VI. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

- A. All work carried out under this agreement will be in compliance with all requirements respecting nondiscrimination as contained in the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and the regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, which provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, age, sex or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any programs or activity receiving Federal financial or technical assistance from the Department of the Interior or any agency thereof.
- B. This agreement shall become effective when signed by all parties and will continue in effect until December 31, 2013.
- C. The terms of this agreement may be modified or amended at any time by mutual consent of the District, the FWS, and the GFP.
- D. This agreement may be terminated at any time by any party by giving 60 days written notice to the other parties.

VII. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION:

- A. This agreement does not obligate funds by the District, the FWS, the GFP, or any other agency or organization.
- B. Individual projects with participating landowners will be facilitated by Wildlife Extension Agreements administered by the South Dakota PFW program as jointly signed by the FWS, the District, and participating landowners.
- C. Funds from the Coordinated Soil and Water Conservation Grant will only be obligated by contracts, purchase agreements or other instruments individually approved by the District Supervisors.

VIII. PROJECT OFFICERS:

For the purposes of managing this agreement, including receiving and reviewing reports, and handling modifications.

For the Beadle Conservation District:

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For the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks:

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Room 309-Federal Building
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IX. SIGNATURES:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be executed as of the date therein written.

For the Beadle Conservation District:

Francis L. Lutz
Chairperson

February 10, 2011
Date

For the United States Department of Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service:

[Signature]
FWS District PFW Coordinator

2/10/2011
Date

For the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks:

[Signature]
Wildlife Division Director

3/21/11
Date

Operating Budget

North Missouri Coteau Grassland Management Project 2011-2013

Activity	Commission Grant	Landowners	GFP	FWS	Total
Administration	\$ 2,000	0	0	0	\$ 2,000
Water Developments	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$200,000
Total	\$52,000	\$100,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$202,000